

**SOLID-STATE LIGHT SOURCE****ABSTRACT**

A solid-state light source includes a semiconductor light  
5 source for emitting light and an optical system having a fiber  
optic element. The fiber optic element has an input for  
receiving emitted light from the semiconductor light source.  
The fiber optic element also has an output for emitting light  
received from the solid-state light source. The semiconductor  
10 light source and the fiber optic element in aggregate form an  
illumination path.

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